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State and Consumer Services Agency

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

Division of the State Architect

Certified Access Specialist Program

NOTICE OF OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

February 7, 2006
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.

Oakland Marriott
1001 Broadway
Oakland, CA 94607
510-451-4000

The meeting facility is fully accessible.
Requests for special accommodation (assisted listening device, sign language interpreter, etc.) should be sent to Elizabeth Randolph at (916) 324-5591 or by email: elizabeth.randolph@dgs.ca.gov no later than 5 working days before the meeting.

Background

Development of the California Certified Access Specialist (CASP) Program, by the Division of the State Architect (DSA), is nearly complete. Government Code Section 4459.5 authorizes "the State Architect to establish and publicize a program for voluntary certification of any person who meets specified criteria as a Certified Access Specialist."

Distinguished leaders of stakeholder organizations and subject matter experts across the state have collaborated with DSA throughout program development. Founding principles and initial certification criteria were fundamental accomplishments of the Implementation Advisory Committee, whose representatives were mandated by statute. Subject matter experts have been integral to the development of the program's certification examination, as directed by test development consultants. This panel of experts also developed a specification of the knowledge, skills and abilities expected of access specialists.

The Rulemaking Process

The purpose of California rulemaking law is to provide the public with a meaningful opportunity to participate in the adoption of regulations by California state agencies. As the implementing agency for the CASp Program, DSA is finalizing administrative regulations, and plans to initiate a formal rulemaking proceeding in early 2006.

By convening two regional workshops before rulemaking begins, DSA will be able to incorporate public comment to improve the quality of CASp program regulations. At these open public meetings, interested stakeholders and individuals who might be subject to program regulation may engage DSA staff in discussions of matters of concern.

Workshop Format

Both workshops will be hosted by an unbiased, professional facilitator. The prime objective of the facilitator is to ensure that every speaker has the same opportunity to participate. Focused segments of the meeting will begin with a brief introduction of the topic by DSA staff. These presentations will include various references to specific sections of proposed program regulations. For the benefit of attendees, printed copies of current draft regulations will be available at the beginning of the workshop, and will also be available for download in advance. Following each presentation, the facilitator will moderate the ensuing discussion in the time available. As the workshop concludes, attendees may optionally register with DSA to receive notices of subsequent public meetings regarding the CASp Program.

Workshop Agenda

The agenda to be followed at both workshops will be available for download from the DSA website after January 26, 2006. Please check the DSA News page for directions to the download location of the workshop agenda, as well as for the draft regulations.

Directions to Workshop

Area Airports

Oakland - OAK

- Hotel Direction: 8 mi N
- Driving Directions: Exit airport. Take Hegenberger Rd to I-880 N. Exit Broadway and turn right. Go 3 blocks, turn left on 10th St. Make right turns around the block to hotel entrance.
- Estimated taxi fare: 30 USD (one way)

San Francisco - SFO

- Hotel Direction: 26 mi NE
- Driving Directions: Take 101 North. Merge to I-80. Take 580 East off the bridge to 980 S. Take 11th/12th St. exit. Go 1 block, turn left. Hotel is at 11th & Broadway.
- Estimated taxi fare: 70 USD (one way)

San Jose, California - SJC

- N/A
- Hotel Direction: 43 mi N
- Driving Directions: Take I-880 North. Exit Broadway and turn right. Go 3 blocks, turn left on 10th St. Make right turns around the block to hotel entrance.
- Shuttle service, fee: 100 USD

Other Transportation

Bus Station

Greyhound (2 mi N)

Subway Station

BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) (.1 mi)

Train Station

Amtrak (2 mi)

Map Link:

<http://www.mapquest.com>

For further information on this meeting please contact Mark Smith, Associate Architect, Division of the State Architect at (916) 445-1304 or by email at mark.smith@dgs.ca.gov.